

Amendments to the Specification:

The specification has been amended in the following manner:

Before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6, on a new line, please insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 19, on a new line, please insert --BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Before the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 9, on a new line, please insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Before the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 17, on a new line, please insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6, on a new line, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A) The present invention relates to a method for controlling the dynamic range of a hearing device ~~defined in the preamble of claim 1,~~ a method for manufacturing different kinds of hearing ~~aids~~ devices exhibiting different transfer functions ~~as defined in the preamble of claim 6,~~ further and a hearing ~~aid~~ device fitted with at least one acoustic/electric input transducer ~~defined in the preamble of claim 7~~ and also an electromechanical transducer ~~defined in the preamble of claim 12.~~

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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As shown in Fig. 1, a hearing aid, for instance an ear phone or -- and in particular -- a behind-the-ear or in-ear hearing accessory, though also a cochlear implant, comprises an input-side acoustic/electric transducer 1 followed by a signal processing unit 3 which in the case of a digital hearing aid shall be a digital processor unit. An electric/mechanical transducer unit 5 is present at the output side of the signal processing unit 3.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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As schematically indicated in Fig. 1, the transducer unit 5 include the actual ~~mechanical/electric~~ electric/mechanical transducer 5a exhibiting an impedance "e" at the input E5 of the transducer unit 5. In the invention, the input impedance e of the transducer 5a can be switched, by the switch 7 driven by means of a control input S, to various impedances e1, e2,... in the manner schematically shown in Fig. 1. As shown in dashed lines in Fig. 1, the invention provides, switches which by means of a control input S allow switching the input impedance e of the output-side electric/mechanical transducer to given, previously selected impedances.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Depending on the design of the ~~mechanical/electric~~ electric/mechanical transducer, in particular of its discrete impedance

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elements determining the input impedance, the switch 7 can be a separate and independent unit integrated between the output of the signal processing unit 3 and the input of ~~said~~ the transducer. Preferably, and as also shown in Fig. 2, such a switch shall be integrated into a modular, electric/mechanical transducer 15.
